

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Howard M. Kingston  
Assignee: Metara, Inc.  
Title: Method And Apparatus For Automated In-Process, Isotope Dilution  
Threshold And Quantification Measurement Mass Spectrometry  
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Examiner: James P. Hughes Group Art Unit: 2881  
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Irvine, California  
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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

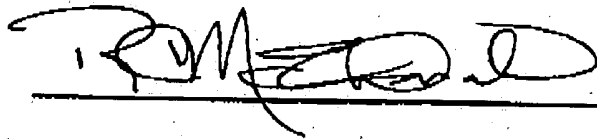
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48, Applicant submits the following request to correct the inventorship of this application to correct an error, namely the omission of two co-inventors: Marc R. Anderson and Ye Han. This error in inventorship arose without deceptive intent on the part of the originally-named inventor, Howard M. Kingston, and without deceptive intent on the part of the inventors who were not originally named. Statements from each person being added as inventors pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2) are enclosed. In addition, the written consent of the assignee is also enclosed pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(5). Finally, a new oath is submitted as required by 37 CFR §§ 1.48(a)(3) and 1.63. Because Howard Kingston is refusing to sign this new oath, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) setting forth the pertinent facts of this refusal is also enclosed.

**Written Consent of the Assignee Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(5)**

I hereby provide my written consent to this request to amend the inventorship.

Robert C. McDonald, Director and Chief Technical Officer of Metara, Inc.

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**Statement under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2):**

I am a co-inventor of subject matter claimed in this application. However, without deceptive intent on my part, I was not originally named as an inventor of this application.

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**Statement under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2):**

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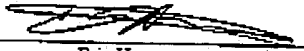
Ye Han

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the inventorship be amended as set forth herein.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, at (703) 872-9306, on April 16, 2004.



Eric Hoover

April 16, 2004  
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



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